

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Ikeda and JP 408133556 to Ono (“Ono”)

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III. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Ikeda and JP 11321016 to Edatsune (“Edatsune”)

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IV. Allowable Subject Matter

As set forth above, the Examiner has indicated that claim 36 is allowed.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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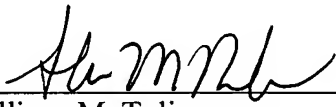
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